

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the Senate to take up the bill we just passed, H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act.

With title 42 having expired, we are seeing a surge of migrants approaching our border that will add to a crisis in New York State that has seen New York City take in over 60,000 migrants so far. Now, Mayor Eric Adams has resorted to busing migrants into the Hudson Valley, despite previously decrying southern States from doing that to New York City.

This is a completely untenable situation and demands immediate Federal action, which is why the House Republican majority passed H.R. 2.

As the husband of an immigrant, I know why so many people immigrate to our Nation. We are the greatest Nation in the world. But we simply cannot continue to let our borders be wide open as they are now. We are seeing tens of thousands of people cross our borders illegally every single day.

I urge the Senate to pass this legislation. Having spoken with the President yesterday in my district, I know he understands the need to act on our border.

We have to work together to secure our border, end this broken system, and ensure the safety of our residents.

COMMEMORATING DOROTHY LEVIN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent and proud Californian, Dorothy Levin. Dorothy is celebrating her 100th birthday, and I am thrilled to join her friends and family in commemorating this remarkable milestone.

Dorothy was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 12, 1923, and moved to southern California with her family in 1952.

In 1958, while raising her three young children, Dorothy decided to attend law school. She graduated and passed the California Bar exam but was unable to find a job in a male-dominated field, so she opened her own firm, where she practiced until her retirement in 1994.

Dorothy's unwavering dedication, tenacity, and courage have helped pave the way for generations of women in the legal profession.

I wish Dorothy a happy 100th birthday. I am so thankful for her trailblazing work, and I am proud to honor her today.

IMPEACH SECRETARY MAYORKAS

(Mrs. McCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to believe that after 2 years of record-breaking migrant encounters at the southern border, things continue to get worse with absolutely no end in sight.

I always say, to fix a problem, you first have to admit there is a problem. But the guy who is supposed to be in charge, the leader of border security, just cannot admit there is a problem.

DHS Secretary Mayorkas has time and time again failed to take responsibility, as the leader, as the boss, as the man in charge. He has the audacity to tell MSNBC that the open border is Congress' fault, and that Congress should do something about it.

Okay. Well, then I think it is time to do something about it. Let's impeach Secretary Mayorkas. His blatant failures have resulted in the deaths of American citizens and has made fentanyl the number one killer of 18- to 45-year-olds.

Enough is enough. We need real leadership, not some Biden puppet.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today calling for the impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas.

STOCK BUYBACKS IN DEFENSE

(Mr. DELUZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, the defense industrial base is dominated by a handful of massive corporations that have gobbled up competitors. These five companies have a lot of power and responsibility to supply our military. But what are they doing with that power? Are they investing in innovation?

They are enriching themselves with stock buybacks and shareholder dividends, fueled by public money, while shrinking their investments to innovation.

The Pentagon has reported that over the past decade, research and development is down, but corporate payouts for prime contractors are up.

Meanwhile, they are lobbying Congress for more cash every year.

Top brass warn that late, over-budget defense orders threaten our readiness. National security shouldn't be subject to the whims of Wall Street or crazy ideas of shareholder primacy. Public money shouldn't bankroll stock buybacks.

It doesn't have to be this way. We should, once again, ban buybacks. They used to be illegal, and should be again.

We need smarter industrial policy to break up these monopolies so we have got real competition in the defense industry.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF MICHAEL SHORT

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, I rise to celebrate Michael Short on his retirement after 44 years of inspiring students in music in Orange Unified School District.

A Chapman University and Cal State Fullerton graduate, Mr. Short has been involved in Orange Unified School District music since the mid-1970s, from elementary and middle schools to Orange High School, to Santiago Canyon College, and much more.

He has directed several musicals, led choirs, and received several awards for his work as an outstanding music educator.

Mr. Short has inspired generations of students in California's 40th District across Orange County and beyond.

I thank Mr. Short for his dedication and his outstanding career to the community, teaching and inspiring students through music.

I wish him the best in his retirement, and much enjoyment spending time with his family; his wife, Vicki, his kids, and his grandkids.

BORDER SECURITY

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2, House Republicans' so-called border security bill, is yet another glaring example of the false outrage exhibited by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

As they speak blatant mistruths about concerns over Americans' safety, they turn a blind eye to the deadly epidemic of gun violence within our borders.

Instead, House Republicans clamor around a bill that guts the U.S. asylum process and eliminates any realistic pathways to legal immigration.

Their proposal costs the American people \$6.1 billion and does nothing to increase border security personnel. In fact, the bill would pay for the former President's vanity project, an expensive and ineffective wall that would make our Nation more vulnerable to drug and human trafficking.

It is with a deep understanding that we are a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants that House Democrats are working to pass comprehensive immigration reform that will protect our communities, the American people, and the American Dream.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMANDER MIKE SMITH

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart, but to honor the life of a friend, retired United States Coast Guard Commander, Mike Smith.

Mike is fondly remembered by many as the director of the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Michigan, also known as Coast Guard City USA, a cherished event where our west Michigan community comes together to celebrate the Coast Guard's service